

Council Meeting
Taxing Unit Budget Review
October 17, 2008 – 8:05 am

The meeting was called to order by President Spaetti. Councilmen Spaetti, Ebert, Kroeger, Winsett, Kress, Cochenour, Bunner, and Attorney Wetherill were present.

Shelton stated that through her correspondence with the DLGF she was told that the council is to review all of the taxing units’ percentage increase or decrease. If the taxing unit has an elected board and the budget increase is over the 4% growth quotient then the council can make a “non-binding” recommendation. If the taxing unit has an appointed board and the budget increase is over the 4% growth quotient then the council can make a “binding” recommendation.

Kroeger stated that the council should send a letter of appreciation to any board that stayed below the growth quotient. He stressed the need for all of the taxing units to work together. He said it would be good if all of the taxing units could be brought together for an explanation of the circuit breaker and how it affects all the units when one unit is out of alignment.

Discussion was had on whether the council should hire a consultant. It will be discussed at the regular meeting on October 21.

The Budget Review Forms showing the comparison of last year’s budget and levy to this year’s budget and levy for each taxing unit. The results were as follows:

TOWNSHIPS	Budget		Levy	
Carter Twp	4.00%	increase	4.00%	increase
Clay Twp	1.19%	increase	7.81%	increase
Grass Twp	20.88%	increase	4.43%	increase
Hammond Twp	13.37%	increase	8.14%	increase
Harrison Twp	13.08%	decrease	6.39%	increase
Huff Twp	1.30%	increase	6.36%	increase
Jackson Twp	9.05%	increase	0.21%	increase
Luce Twp	3.80%	decrease	10.90%	increase
Ohio Twp	1.52%	increase	9.55%	increase
CITY/TOWNS	Budget		Levy	
Chrisney	4.00%	increase	6.31%	increase
Dale	8.82%	increase	11.61%	increase
Gentryville	102.27%	increase	10.93%	increase
Grandview	5.70%	increase	21.52%	increase
Rockport	4.47%	increase	3.55%	increase
Santa Claus	2.32%	decrease	24.59%	increase
APPOINTED BOARDS	Budget		Levy	
Carter Fire Protection	36.08%	increase	4.00%	increase
Lincoln Heritage Library	2.53%	decrease	4.50%	increase
SC Public Library	3.93%	increase	5.36%	increase
SC Solid Waste Mgmt	3.98%	increase	0.05%	decrease

Discussion was had on how to respond to the state and the taxing units. Wetherill and Shelton will work on drafts of letters to each taxing unit. For the taxing units where the budget increase was over the 4% growth quotient, then the council recommends that it be lowered. All of the appointed boards kept their budget increase below the

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growth quotient, except Carter Fire Protection. The Carter Fire Protection budget would have been below the 4% but they have a cash balance left from a grant and they are using up the grant money in the 2009 budget.

Cochenour made a motion to adjourn. Ebert seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 am.

County Council,

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President	
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Attest:	
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Cindy Shelton, Auditor	
